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## RELAY FOR LIFE

## Revved up for Relay

*Kickoff for cancer Relay excites and energizes participants*

**By Mike Lydick**  
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**I**'m excited to get started – I can't wait to participate," said an enthusiastic Alexis Simmons as she left the kickoff event for the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life of Agawam.

It will be Simmons' first time at the Relay.

"I have a dear friend who had

breast cancer at age 26," she said. "I've also had many friends and family who've had cancer, so I'm excited about participating this year — especially since it's going to be in Agawam."

The Feeding Hills resident was with her friend, Jocelyn Wildman, who will also participate for the first time.

"I enjoy being part of something where everyone has a common goal

— and I love how people here are so passionate about the Relay," said Wildman, who lives in Chicopee.

They were among 65 people who attended the two-hour "kickoff" that was hosted by the Agawam YMCA on Jan. 22. All kickoff participants received a free, one-month membership to the Y.

Janine Iacolo, chair of the event leadership team planning the Relay,

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**Above:** Joanne Roda, a breast cancer survivor, was among the cancer survivors and caregivers attending the kickoff who received purple carnation corsages.

**Left:** Janine Iacolo, chair of the Relay for Life of Agawam event leadership team, emceed the kickoff that was attended by 65 people on Jan. 22. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

## New look, new focus for your local paper

**To our valued readers and advertisers:**

For the second week, we are sharing our more modern, sleek and easier-to-read visual look for the Agawam Advertiser News with all residents of town. Every home in Agawam and Feeding Hills will receive this week's edition for free.

As many subscribers and regular newsstand customers already know, we brought on board a new veteran editor, Michael Ballway, three months ago to partner with our long-standing local news correspondents Christopher Faille, Mike Lydick and Greg Scibelli, photographer Kimberly Hatch, office manager Teri Machia and advertising executive John Baskin. All of our staff lives in or directly around Agawam. Recently, we were pleased to also welcome back longtime Agawam columnists Jay Berger and Walt Willard.

We also are rolling out an entirely new website found at [www.agawamadvertisernews.com](http://www.agawamadvertisernews.com).

[turley.com](http://turley.com). Online offerings will include complete newspaper archives, photo slideshows, social media links, easy submission buttons, editorial and advertising contact information and community organization portals.

Our whole team is working hard to deliver the local news and features that make the Advertiser News your indispensable guide to what's going on in town. We've added more local news, features and photography content and don't plan to rest on our laurels. Your suggestions as to how we can do a better job are always welcome.

Turley Publications is a small, family-owned company with a deep commitment to our readers and advertisers. We want to meet, and if possible, exceed your expectations. We are excited about our plans for 2015 and hope you'll join us.

Sincerely,  
**Patrick Turley**  
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## RADIO

## Small station, big heart

*Feeding Hills radio station mixes music with hope and encouragement*

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One of the best kept secrets in Agawam is a locally-owned and operated radio station that has been broadcasting from a church basement for nearly a decade.

WLCQ-FM — also known as "the Q" 99.7 — signed on the air in November 2006, after

nearly seven years of paperwork and delays. The nonprofit radio station is small — its single broadcast studio in a Feeding Hills church is the size of a walk-in closet — but its signal is strong enough to be heard throughout the Springfield area. In addition to Agawam, it reaches listeners in Springfield, Westfield, Holyoke, and

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**Nate Thomas and Leslie Prieto co-host a morning radio show on WLCQ, from the basement of a Feeding Hills church. The small nonprofit station uses on-air talent with "real personalities" and contemporary Christian music to broadcast messages of "hope and encouragement."** TURLEY PUBLICATION PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

## FILM

## Lights, camera – ssssh!

*Agawam director is starting to shoot his next movie, but he won't say where*

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
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With the success of his first horror movie propelling him, Mark Del Negro is moving on to his next project.

Del Negro describes his next project as a paranormal activity-type movie.

Unlike his first movie, "Blood Reservoir," Del Negro says he is being mum on the details of where his movie is being filmed and who is involved. He says the secrecy is essential to a smooth filming, which he is looking forward to getting underway this week.

"We are scheduled to begin filming on Jan. 30," said Del Negro.

"We are supposed to wrap on Feb. 18. This time we are doing it quieter. We will release the exact information about where it is filmed when we are finished. We had too many problems with people crashing our set."

Del Negro says he has learned a lot after filming his first movie.

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## Church seeks Easter artwork

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, is looking for artists of all abilities to participate in this year's Easter art exhibit, "It Is Finished," to be held at the church during the Easter season.

Pieces should in some way reflect the biblical account of the events leading up to and including the Easter narrative. Adults and children are encouraged to participate. Artwork should be submitted to the church no later than March 15.

For full submission guidelines, visit the Facebook page, "Hope Community Church Easter Art Exhibit 2015," the website, www.hopechurchagawam.org, or call Lou Kocanek, director of Worship and the Arts, at 413-885-4932.

## Boldyga files comprehensive public safety package

BOSTON — State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, filed a comprehensive package of bills on Jan. 16 that aim to improve public safety by strengthening penalties for certain crimes, clarifies several statutes, and addresses concerns about the safety of school children and public employees.

"Our current laws need to be updated to strengthen our stance regarding public safety concerns and the safety of our children and communities," Boldyga said.

Some of the bills that Boldyga introduced to the Legislature are:

- "An Act Relative to the Unlawful Passing of a School Bus" (HD2791): This act will strengthen the current laws regarding passing a school bus with its stop sign extended and its lights flashing. Statistics have shown that an alarming number of people do not

stop when a school bus has its light and sign extended and it has put school children at risk.

- "An Act Relative to Child Welfare" (HD2750): A person who has the care of a child, who permits someone to abuse the child, will now be charged with a felony as is already the law in the statute regarding permitting abuse of elderly and disabled persons

- "An Act Relative to the Safety of Public Employees" (HD2805) and "An Act Relative to the Safety of Emergency Medical Technicians and Health Care Providers" (HD2764): These bills address the penalties for assaulting a public employee, EMT, or health care provider while in the process of fulfilling their duties. It also adds a provision



State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga

that will add assault and battery with a bodily substance, which was currently in the law for corrections officers.

Other bills that Boldyga introduced regard impersonating a police officer or town officials, loitering on school grounds, and increasing punishments for desecrating the flag of the commonwealth and flag of the United States.

The filing deadline for bills to be introduced for the first session of the 189th General Court was Jan. 16. Legislators have until Jan. 31 to get co-sponsors for their legislation. Boldyga serves as the ranking member of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

## Agawam residents named officers of Gray House board

SPRINGFIELD — Two Agawam residents were among the officers elected at the January meeting of the Gray House board of directors. David Chase was named vice president of the board and Paul Mitus was named treasurer.

Chase has more than 20 years of banking experience. He is vice president of commercial lending at Hampden Bank in Springfield. Mitus, who previously served as vice president of the board of directors, has 25 years of banking experience and is a portfolio manager at Hampden Bank.

Two other officers were also chosen. Michael Walsh of Longmeadow, and adjunct instructor of political science at Westfield



David Chase



Paul Mitus

State University and consultant and legal advisor at MIRA Associates, was re-elected as board president. Candace Pereira of East Longmeadow, a commercial portfolio loan officer at Farmington Bank in West Spring-

field, was elected secretary. All officers' terms are for one year.

Additionally, Teresa Spaziani of West Springfield, quality assurance manager at the Children's Study Home in Springfield, was inducted to a three-year term as a member of the board.

The Gray House is a small neighborhood human service agency located at 22 Sheldon St. in the North End of Springfield. Its mission is to help neighbors facing hardships to meet their immediate and transitional needs by providing food, clothing, and educational services in a safe, positive environment in the North End.

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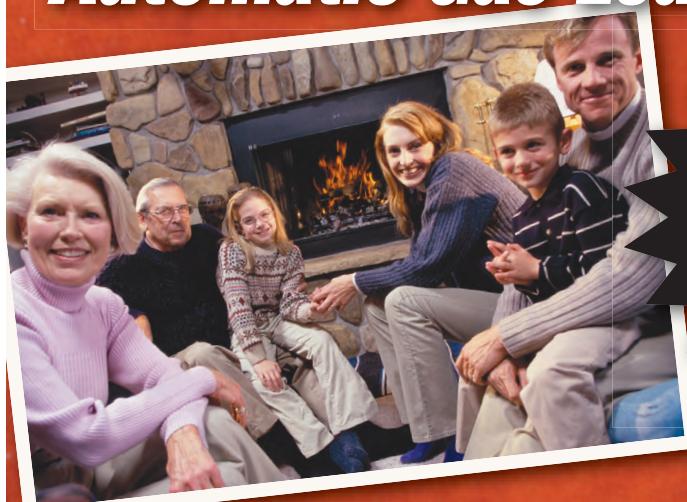
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## Friends of the library to hold annual meeting

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library will hold their annual meeting Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. This meeting is open to the public. The election of officers will be held at this meeting. All members who have paid their 2015 dues will be eligible to vote. Anyone interested in joining the Friends organization may pay dues at the beginning of the meeting to become eligible to vote.

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services.

For more information, write to Friends of the Agawam Public Library, P.O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state or federal government agency.

## 'NAMI Basics' offers skills to parents, caregivers

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts will offer a free, six-week NAMI Basics education course for parents and caregivers of children and teens with mental illness beginning Feb. 24 in Chicopee from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The location will be announced to registrants.

The course is led by trained teachers who are themselves the parents or caregivers of children or teens living with mental illness, and teaches how mental illness affects the child and the family, the biology of mental illness, getting an accurate diagnosis, the latest research on medical aspects and advan-

## Partners set to open temporary location

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The search for a temporary home is over.

Partners Restaurant will reopen in April at the former site of The Cup in West Springfield.

Partners co-owner Sue Tansey confirmed this weekend the restaurant will be re-opening and says it will be known as "Partners Restaurant at the Cup" or will take on the name, "The Cup."

One thing will remain the same, and that's the same Partners staff that people have been used to for 30 years.

The Tanseys have been searching for a temporary location for several months after a basement electrical fire caused massive damage to their primary location at 458 Springfield St. in Agawam. Because of the extensive damage from the fire, the landlord of the building has decided to tear it down and rebuild it using the original foundation.

The Tanseys have said they plan to reopen in Agawam when the construc-

tion is completed, probably later this year. In the meantime, the Tanseys have signed a six-month lease to use The Cup building, which is located at 240 Westfield St. (Route 20). The location was formally a breakfast eatery until it closed in 2010.

Tansey and her husband, Mark, have run Partners along with a catering business for many years. Because of their great success in running both ventures, Sue Tansey says there is a chance they will decide to run both locations if the West Springfield one proves to be successful.

"It's definitely a possibility for us," she said. "We have to see how it goes."

Tansey says there is some work that needs to be done before opening at The Cup sometime in April. An official opening date has not been decided.

The restaurant does not have any furnishings. It will need tables, chairs, and some kitchen equipment.

When the restaurant opens, the Tanseys are hopeful their loyal customer base, which has been waiting for them to find a temporary location, will follow them to West Springfield.

Tansey said when she and her husband started the search for a temporary location, she had been receiving numerous calls at the catering phone number from customers asking or wondering if and when the business will re-open.

"Partners has been a place where some people come to just to socialize," said Sue Tansey. "We really appreciate the support of our customers during this time."

On Sept. 5, the fire that took out the business started late at night. It started in the cellar and spread throughout the office and catering areas. Investigators ruled the cause of the fire as electrical. Fire Chief Alan Sirois said the wiring in the building was very old.

For the remainder of September and October, the Tanseys utilized Six Flags New England's catering kitchen to continue operating their catering business. The generosity of Six Flags allowed them to meet all of their catering obligations. After Six Flags closed for the season, they then rented a kitchen and have been using it since.

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ces in treatment, an overview of treatment options, and learning to use systems for record-keeping and caring for your child.

The course gives parents and other caregivers the tools and information necessary to take the best care possible of their child, as well as the rest of their family and themselves. Coping skills help alleviate the impact that emotional and behavioral difficulties have on the entire family.

For more information or to register for the course, email nami.wm.teacher@gmail.com or call the NAMI-WM office in Agawam at 413-786-9139.

## Italian language classes offered for adults

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. Inc. will offer Italian language classes for adults this spring. A Beginner I level class will be offered on Monday nights and will run from March 2 through May 18 (no classes on March 16 and April 20).

A Beginner II level class will be offered on Tuesday nights and will run from March 3 through May 12 (no class on April 21), and an Intermediate level class will be offered on Thursday nights from March 5 through May 14 (no class on April 23).

All classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. for 10 weeks and are held at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. Inc., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Tuition cost is \$120 for ICC members and \$130 for non-members. The course book is available for \$20. Deadline for registration is Feb. 20. Registrations received after that date will be charged a \$25 late registration fee.

Registration forms are available at www.iccwm.org. For more information, call 860-305-1175 or email [italianaticc@comcast.net](mailto:italianaticc@comcast.net).

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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

# Prepping for the next storm starts today

If you're reading these words now, they must have cleared the roads and dug out the post offices and mailboxes. We've survived another New England "weather event."

Back on the other side of the blizzard — as the Agawam Advertiser News went to press with an early deadline to make sure we could be printed before the state of emergency hit — all that snow was all we were talking about, early this week. School was canceled and non-essential travel was banned. We mobbed the supermarkets and then hunkered down, seemingly expecting the end of civilization.

This happens every year, sometimes more than once. It's frenzy and anxiety for two days, an enforced vacation for one day — unless you drive a plow truck or work in public safety — and then life's back to normal, and we swear we'll be better prepared next time.

And we're not. Next winter — or later this winter — there will be another blizzard, or ice storm, or cold snap, and we'll be taken by "surprise" again.

Don't let it happen. While you're digging yourself out from this week's storm, resolve to prepare now to weather the next one. Take a minute to visit [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema) and read some of the tips on winter preparedness from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

- Stock an emergency kit with enough supplies to last three to five days. This should include a first aid kit, essential prescription medicines, non-perishable foods—if the power goes out, the refrigerator won't work—a manual can opener, one gallon per day, per person, of water, flashlights, a portable radio or weather radio, any baby or pet-care items you may need, extra blankets, sleeping bags and a fire extinguisher.

- Make sure you have enough batteries in your house.

- Check your homeowner's insurance policy (or renter's insurance policy) to make sure you have adequate coverage — including coverage for your personal belongings if they are damaged by cold, exposure or water from a pipe burst.

- Trim dead tree branches and limbs close to your home. Ice, snow and wind can snap limbs and take down power lines or damage your house.

- Ensure that all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

- Wrap your water pipes in insulation to keep them from freezing. In a pinch, you can wrap them in newspapers covered in plastic to keep out the moisture.

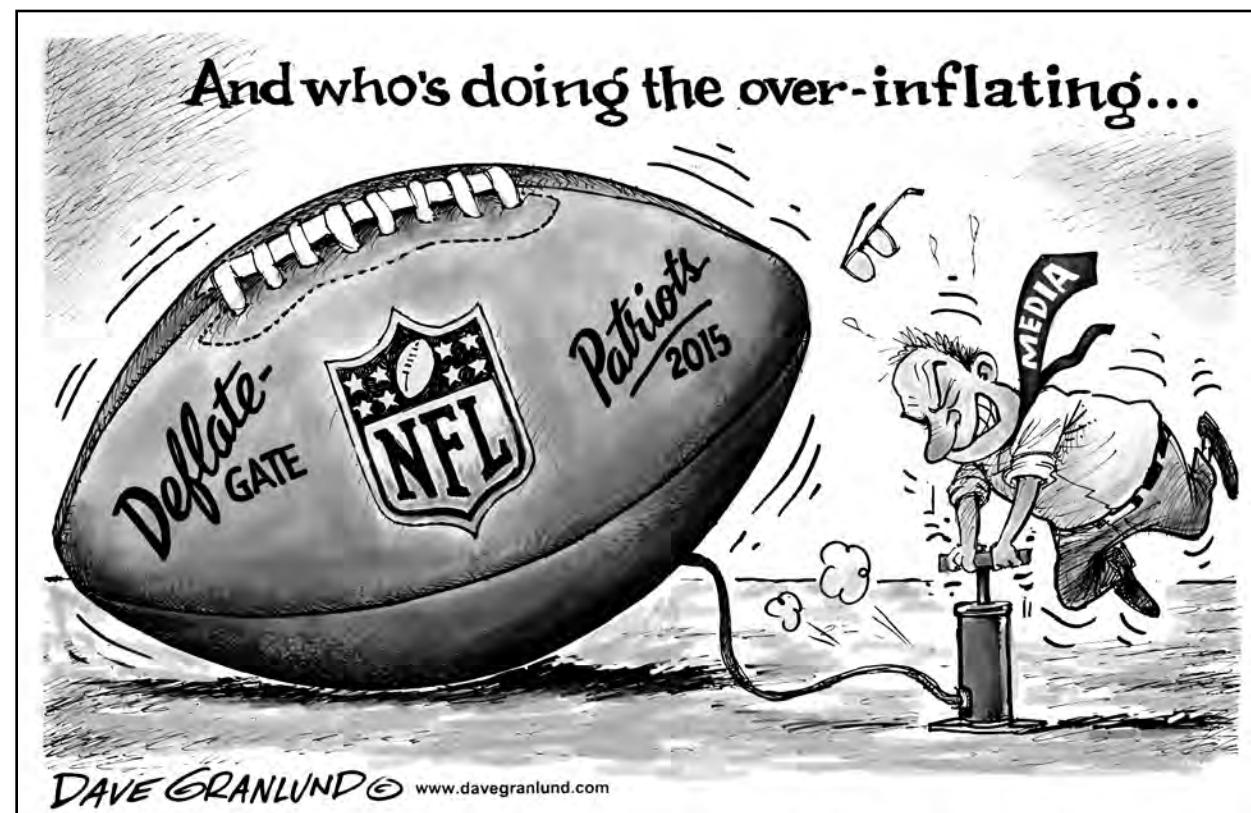
- Make sure you know how to safely shut off gas, electric power and water valves in your home.

- If you have life-support devices that depend on electricity, contact the electric company about your power needs. They may be able to put you on a "priority reconnection service" list if you depend upon electricity for dialysis, breathing machines, or the like. Also make sure the Fire Department knows you are dependent on a device.

- Develop a backup plan for personal assistance services, hospice or any other form of in-home assistance.

- Get to know your neighbors. When the roads are snowed in, the ill and the elderly may not be able to get assistance from their usual friends and relatives. Your help could make the difference for them — and their help could make the difference for you.

It's quite a list, and it may take a few days or weeks to dig through it all. But get started now, while the stores aren't mobbed and the streets aren't blocked. You'll thank yourself later.



## JAY SPEAKS

### A memorial for Elsa, dog and friend

*Editor's note: In his Dec. 18 and Jan. 1 columns, Jay Berger began the story of Elsa, the dog that he and his children bought for his wife Kitty. Here is the conclusion of Elsa's story.*

The abuse that Elsa took at the hands of the burglars seemed to mark the beginning of a spiral of poor health. She continued to rip the covers off tennis balls, but didn't play with them as much.

If I would venture out to play "catch and return" with her, there was no spark in her run. She would saunter after the ball, return and drop it at my feet and then go off and lie under her favorite lilac bush. If I threw the ball onto the roof, Elsa would let the ball bounce a few times before going after it.

Her appetite was down. We always bought her favorite dry dog food, but now she hardly touched it. Kitty began mixing our table food in with the dry dog food and this stimulated her desire to eat.

Elsa lost her ability to jump up on the bed after I left in the morning and instead was happy to be in the same room with Kitty.

If Kitty did not feel good, you could bet Elsa would be right with her. Now the tables were turned and Kitty was with Elsa. She did not respond to commands and when the mailman rang the bell, she would not go to the door to retrieve the mail. We decided to make an appointment with the vet.

After an examination, the vet told us that Elsa had lost her hearing and was now deaf.

"After all," she said, "Elsa is quite old and in human terms, she is approaching 90 years old."

When I would take her for a walk, she might go along for a few minutes, then find a comfortable patch of lawn and park herself. We would walk a few more minutes and then she would turn around and head for home, dragging me along.

Many of our friends and family were constantly asking about Elsa's health and telling us how much they miss her vigorous athleticism with tennis balls. We noted that now

when Elsa would rest under the lilac bush, not only would our cat Tiger be close by, but also the neighbor's three cats surrounded her.

A year or so later, after three surgeries on her nose, and not much of a recovery, I went down one morning to change Tiger's litter box. I found our cat dead.

Elsa wandered the house from room to room and then out in the yard looking for her friend Tiger.

Shortly after the loss of Tiger, Elsa was having trouble finding her way around the house. She was bumping into walls, could not find doorways, and missing steps when climbing onto the porch.

Again, after a visit to the vet, we found that Elsa had lost her eyesight. Returning home, Elsa had trouble standing up. At first we thought it might be the polished kitchen floor, but after we put down a carpet, she still could not stand.

In a few days, we were traveling to Ohio for the wedding of our son Joseph to Valerie.

Kitty said to me, "Jay, Elsa has lived a long and joyous life. She certainly cannot enjoy her life as it is now. Let me call the SPCA and her vet and put her down."

The vet agreed and Kitty took Elsa there and returned with Elsa's ashes in a marble urn. I made a box for the urn and dug a grave under the lilac bush. We marked the site with an attractive white stone that was on our site at the Stafford Springs campground. Elsa loved to lie near it.

A few years later we elected to leave Springfield for a condo in Agawam. Our children were helping us to pack. Kitty called to Joseph, "Joe, please dig up Elsa, we're taking her with us." He had no idea what we were talking about, but we explained and he did it.

When we moved in, we dug a grave for Elsa near the front door of our new home, and placed the white stone as a marker. A fitting memorial to a wonderful pet and friend to all.

*Jay Berger is an Agawam resident.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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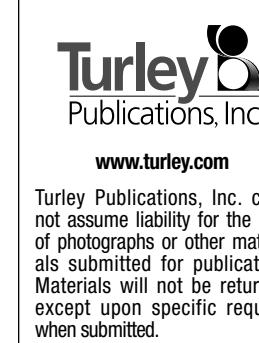
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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 413 calls for service from Jan. 16 to Jan. 25. The department made 5 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Friday, Jan. 16

John G. Doran, 49, of 469 Westfield St., Apt. 1B, West Springfield, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery and assault and battery on a person over 60.

### Sunday, Jan. 18

Elizabeth Marie Roulston, 38, of 32 Ottawa St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

### Wednesday, Jan. 21

Jose A. Torres, 66, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 3, Agawam, was arrested on two default warrants for failure to appear.

### Friday, Jan. 23

Paul Watts, 39, of 20 Kristen Lane, Agawam, was arrested on 6 counts of aggravated rape and indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or over.

### Saturday, Jan. 24

Mark Lemieux, 46, of 33 Norman Terrace, Apt. 106, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of violation of abuse prevention order.

## FIRE LOG

The fire log for Jan. 20-26 was not received before the Agawam Advertiser News' early deadline this week. It will be printed in next week's edition.

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## County sheriff details local service in 2014

Though county sheriffs have no patrol function in Massachusetts — unlike in many other states — the Hampden sheriff's Law Enforcement Division contributed 919 hours of service to local towns last year, according to Sheriff Michael Ashe Jr.

"We all know that in sports a winning team has good reserve players on the bench, waiting to enter the game and contribute when they are called on," Ashe said in a statement. "Our Law Enforcement Division deserves a '10th player award' for its excellence in being a valuable and valued contributor to the law enforcement team whenever and wherever needed."

The sheriff's primary duty is administering and operating the county jails and houses of correction, but the Law Enforcement Division of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department assists police departments in the county's 23 cities and towns with traffic safety details and special events, when invited to do so.

The Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Division has 41 active law enforcement deputies who performed 150 assignments last year, totaling 919 hours of service to Hampden County communities. This service was performed in coordination with the following partnering towns and police departments: East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Longmeadow, Monson, Palmer, Southwick, Wilbraham and the Massachusetts State Police.

Additionally, the Law Enforcement Division provides an Iris Scan Program for child identification, providing identification for 170 children, free of charge, at three commu-

nity events last year. The division also made donations to the following organizations: Shriner's Hospital for Children; Bonafide Saints, the law enforcement officer's motorcycle organization; and the Mark DeFranco Little League Baseball Association.

The Sheriff's Department's Law Enforcement Division is fully in compliance with all Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training standards for law enforcement deputies. Albert Tranghese of East Longmeadow serves as chief deputy and Robert Seaton of Chicopee serves as deputy chief.



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# In the Classroom

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

**College Acceptances:** Kayla Moquin, University of Vermont; Keegan Sullivan, the College of Saint Rose; Alissa O'Connell, Quinnipiac University, Fitchburg State University, Westfield State University.

**Seniors:** Please let Mrs. Tironi in the counseling office know what college/university you have been accepted into.

**Free Financial Aid Application Assistance for Mass. Residents:** American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid application at centers and over the phone by calling 877-332-4348. Visit [www.asa.org/plan](http://www.asa.org/plan) for more information.

**CTEC (Lower Pioneer Valley Career and Technical Education Center):** Students and parents are invited to attend an Open House on Feb. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit [www.lpvctec.org](http://www.lpvctec.org) for a listing of programs available.

**FAFSA Day (College Goal Sunday):** A volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. at Holyoke Community College. For more information, visit [www.fafсадay.org](http://www.fafсадay.org).

**Scholarships:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

## Boys & Girls Club offers childcare during vacation

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Boys & Girls Club of West Springfield will offer full-day childcare for the upcoming February school vacation week for children in kindergarten through grade 8.

Registration for the program is currently being accepted. The club will be open Monday, Feb. 16, through Friday, Feb. 20, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For children who are currently a registered member in the club's school aged before or after school programs, the cost of the program is \$20 per day, per child. For non-members, the cost is \$25 per day, per child.

The daily schedule will include activities in our Triple Play Sports programs, literacy, character development, team and cooperative games, computer lab, arts and crafts, games room and outdoor activities, weather permitting.

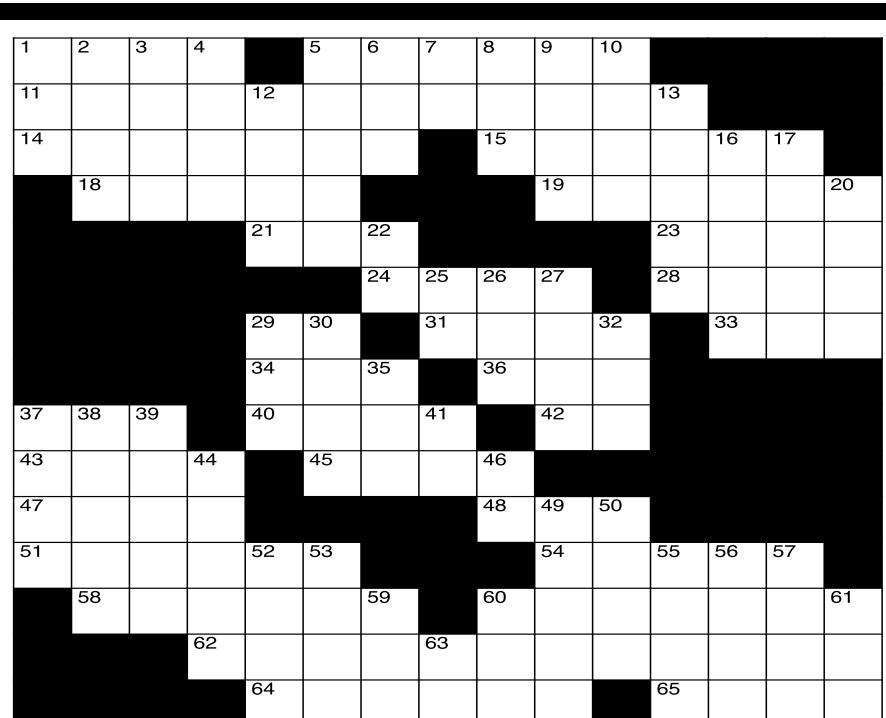
Wednesday, Feb. 18, there is a scheduled field trip to Interskate 91 in Wilbraham. The cost for that day will be \$27 per child for current members and \$32 per child for non-members. This cost will cover transportation, admission and skate rental. Registered

members will leave for the trip at 8:45 a.m. and return to the club at approximately noon. All children and staff will be attending the trip Wednesday morning; please have all members check in at the club by 8:30 a.m.

Registration will be ongoing and space is limited. Visit [www.wsbgclub.org](http://www.wsbgclub.org) to download registration forms and parent handbooks for these licensed programs.

The club provides lunch and an afternoon snack daily during vacation and special days. Breakfast is not provided during vacation days. The lunch menu for the week can be found on the website or picked up at the club when registering. Members have the option of bringing a lunch from home and the club encourages children with specific food allergies or diets to bring their own lunch. Lunch items and a price list are included with registration packet, at [www.wsbgclub.org](http://www.wsbgclub.org) or at the membership desk.

The Boys & Girls Club of West Springfield is located at 615 Main St., West Springfield. To register or for program or daily activity information, call 413-736-1831 or visit [www.wsbgclub.org](http://www.wsbgclub.org).



### CLUES ACROSS

- Cut into cubes
- Food flavorings
- Longest tenured "Tonight Show" host
- One being educated
- British conservatives
- End without completion
- Boater
- Indicated horsepower (abbr.)
- Protects the chest
- Expresses pleasure
- Stiff hair, bristle
- Blood type
- Taxis
- Ribbed material
- Young female socialite
- Game cube
- Priest's liturgical vestment
- Disk jockeys
- 9th Greek letter
- Fish of the carp family
- Medical prefix for within

### CLUES DOWN

- Short for synthesizer
- The golden state
- Powder mineral
- Coat with plaster
- Far East housemaid
- Digital audiotape
- Merchandising
- Libreville is the capital
- Incapable of flexibility
- Language of Andorra
- Repeat in concise form
- Dark areas
- Enough (archaic)
- What part of (abbr.)
- Farm state
- Thermionic vacuum tube
- Employee stock ownership plan
- A crane
- Filippo \_\_\_, Saint
- One below tens
- Impatiently desirous
- Inflict a heavy blow
- As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- Ma's partner
- Carrier's invention
- Possessed
- Invests in little enterprises
- Summate
- Rosary part
- A large body of water
- Undergarment
- Essential oil obtained from flowers
- Cripples
- An explosion
- Of, French
- Fish of the genus Salvelinus
- Bahrain dinar
- Banded calcedony
- Giant armadillo
- In place of
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Large package of cotton
- 3564 m French Alp
- European defense organization
- Check
- Former OSS
- Not old
- Goodwill promotion

SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 17

## Apply now for Women's Club scholarships

The Agawam Junior Women's Club recently announced that several scholarships are available from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts. Applications are available at [www.gfwcma.org/scholarships.html](http://www.gfwcma.org/scholarships.html). The deadline to apply for most scholarships is Feb. 1.

**Boston City Federation Scholarship:** \$500 for a woman maintaining legal residence in Massachusetts and returning to college after an absence of at least four years.

**Catherine E. Philbin Scholarship:** \$500 for study in public health, to an undergraduate or graduate maintaining legal residence in Massachusetts.

**Communication Disorder/Speech Therapy Scholarship:** Up to \$800, dependent on funding, for graduate study, to an applicant maintaining legal residence in Massachusetts.

**Julia Ward Howe Scholarship:** Up to \$500 for graduate study in political science, to a woman maintaining legal residence in Massachusetts for at least five years.

**Education-Teaching Scholarship:** Up to \$500 to an applicant who is a senior in a Massachusetts high school or home schooled and has achieved the standards for graduation set by the town of residence, who will enroll in a four-year accredited college or university in a teacher-training program that leads to certification to teach.

**Pennies for Art Scholarship:** Up to \$500, dependent on funding, to an applicant who must be a senior in a Massachusetts high school, or home schooled and has achieved the standards for graduation set by the town of residence.

**Nickels for Notes Music Scholarship:** Up to \$500 for an applicant who will major in piano, instrument, music education, music therapy or voice and is a senior in a Massachusetts high school, or home schooled and has achieved the standards for graduation set by the town of residence. This application deadline is March 1.

**Music Scholarship for an Undergraduate Major in Voice:** \$500 for an applicant who must be a Massachusetts resident and an undergraduate currently enrolled in a four-year accredited college, university or school of music, majoring in voice. This application deadline is March 1.

**Women's Italian Club of Boston Scholarship:** \$1,000 for an applicant who must be a senior in a Massachusetts high school, or home schooled, and has achieved the standards for graduation set by the town of residence.

**Memorial Education Fund Scholarship:** Minimum of \$3,000 for graduate study in education or business, for a woman maintaining legal residence in Massachusetts for a minimum of five years.

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 2: Chicken tenders with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: French toast sticks, hash browns, pork sausage links, diced peach cup, orange juice cup.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Ziti with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, corn, fresh fruit, Dole Fruit Push-Up.

Thursday, Feb. 5: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Feb. 6: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Feb. 2: Chicken rings with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: French toast sticks, hash browns, pork sausage links, diced peach cup, orange juice cup.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Ziti with meat sauce, whole-wheat breadstick, corn, fresh fruit, dole Fruit Push-Up.

Thursday, Feb. 5: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Feb. 6: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, vegetable, ice cream sandwich, assorted chilled fruit.

### JAMES CLARK SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Feb. 2: Tickets will be sold for breakfast. No cost for those that qualify for NSLP free lunch program.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Friday, Feb. 6: Mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice.

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# Teachers tips for pre-K kids

By Christopher Faille  
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Some of the skills children need to succeed in school may seem obvious or intuitive to parents, but even before the first year of education — kindergarten — there's a lot to learn.

In a public forum held Jan. 20, Agawam teachers like Laura Lukas explained the "keys to kindergarten." Under the broad category of "social skills," she said that children should be able to respond to a teacher's questions, should be able to wait their turns before speaking, and generally to follow classroom rules.

"Children are not born with these skills," she said. "This is a full range of abilities that continue to grow through the teen years."

She also said that children should have been introduced to literacy before they start kindergarten. It is good for parents to "keep materials available, allow lots of practice" during the next few months. The materials that help introduce a child to literacy include: thick markers, crayons, large pencils, and unlined paper.

While driving with their children in the car, parents can point out letters in the environment, such as the name "McDonalds" that accompanies the golden arches.

Another teacher, Amber Lamontagne, spoke about the early development of math awareness and how parents may encourage it. Here, too, parents can help in a spontaneous way by pointing out features of the envi-

ronment: the numbers on speed limit signs, for example. They might also take their pre-K children shopping and count along with them the items in the grocery bag. Or they might encourage children to identify circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles. The packages encountered in a grocery store might be helpful here as well.

During a question-and-answer exchange after the presentations, one mother said that her son (now in first grade) doesn't really have time to eat lunch. "He comes home hungry," she said, "with half of his lunch eaten."

In response, Lucas emphasized that "we do work to ensure that there is downtime. We're very aware of that and appreciate your concern."

Another parent asked what is the one thing that is most important for a child just entering kindergarten. Robin Fernandes, executive director of the town's Early Childhood Center, answered, "listening."

Fernandes, whose organization hosted the forum at the Agawam Public Library, noted that parents still have seven months "to get your children ready for kindergarten." On March 12, there will be another town-sponsored forum, "about schools, the registration process, that sort of thing." There will be other events by the end of summer that will provide "an opportunity for your children to meet other children with whom they'll be classmates, and for you as parents to meet the other parents in a social setting."

## Preschool will hold open house

The Agawam Early Childhood Center, which offers a comprehensive, quality and reasonably priced preschool experience for 3- and 4-year-olds, will hold an open house Thursday, Feb. 26.

The preschool program provides all students with a standards-based education that builds the foundation for all future learning with the Agawam Public Schools. It includes a developmentally appropriate curriculum where all children learn through play and

hands-on activities.

To see what the program has to offer, attend the open house Feb. 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at 108 Perry Lane in Agawam.

Applications are currently being taken for both morning and afternoon sessions. For an application, call 413-821-0597 or visit [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org), select "Our School" and "Early Childhood Center."

## Scholarship, fellowship application deadline extended

The Horace Smith Fund, a private foundation that offers scholarships and fellowships, has extended the application deadline date for the Walter S. Barr Scholarships and Fellowships until Feb. 10 due to the low number of applications. Last year, the Horace Smith Fund awarded \$358,000 to 35 area students.

"To date, we have received only 28 scholarship applications and 11 fellowship applications. It is surprising that more students aren't applying," said Wayne Webster, president of the board of trustees. "Applications can be downloaded or completed online. They are also available at every area high school and college and by contacting our office."

The Walter S. Barr Scholarship is available for graduates of Hampden County public and private high schools. Applicants may either be graduating seniors or in college. Scholarship awards of \$10,000 are distributed in annual installments of \$2,500 and are renewable each year until graduation. Re-

cipients are selected on a variety of criteria, including their test scores, class rank, extracurricular activities, and a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance.

The Walter S. Barr Fellowship awards are made annually to those wishing to enroll in full-time graduate studies. In general, applicants must be residents of Hampden County. Awards are made to students pursuing a specific post-graduate degree. The award of \$12,000 is distributed in annual installments of \$4,000 for a maximum of three years. Awards will be made on the basis of all available information, including school records, recommendations and examination scores. Consideration will be given to both the merit and financial need of the applicant.

"We hope students take advantage of this local resource," said Webster.

For more information, visit [www.HoraceSmithFund.org](http://www.HoraceSmithFund.org) or call 413-739-4222.



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Active Lifestyle will "Go Red for Women" Feb. 1-7 to benefit the American Heart Association. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Active Lifestyle to 'Go Red' for Heart Association

Active Lifestyle Fitness LLC of Agawam will "Go Red for Women" the week of Feb. 1 through Feb. 7 in an effort to raise money for the American Heart Association. The fitness studio is encouraging members to wear red during their workout, take selfies to promote the cause on social media and to make a donation. Active Lifestyle will match the total donations collected. In addition, the studio's yoga instructor, Nicole Provenzano, will donate \$1 for each student who at-

tends her yoga class wearing red on Feb. 1.

According to the American Heart Association, one in three women die of heart disease and stroke every year. The American Heart Association has been working to change the perception that this is not just a man's disease. Throughout the year Active Lifestyle Fitness works to educate members about heart healthy choices. This event gives them even more of an opportunity to draw attention to healthy living.

## Caregivers support group open to the public

The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam hosts a Caregivers Support Group the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. which focuses on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The guest speaker for the Feb. 3 monthly discussion will be Christine Southworth of Southworth Wellness. Participants have the opportunity to learn and share with others who understand the complexity of these diseases and how they impact families and caregivers. The support group also offers an opportunity to learn more about the different stages and offers tips on ways to cope.

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## Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

The thought that I might be getting old came to me when I started going to the retirement parties of former students. Actually, it started even before I retired, in taking the Agawam High School band to a joint concert with former student Bruce Haynes and his band at Wamago High School in Connecticut, and then years later going to his retirement party. The years do fly by.

In looking through a box of material from the early 1980s, I came upon an interesting notice about a "Marching Band Bandathon." On Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, of that year, the AHS band held a 20-hour program in the school cafeteria. The event was to run from 4 p.m. Friday to noon on Saturday. The purpose was to help raise funds for new uniforms and the program would include a number of hours playing with in-between hours devoted to movies of past performances over many years.

I especially remember that evening and morning because the weather was just like we are having now ... mighty cold.

The program was quite successful in spite of the weather. More to come on that.

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## Agawam Senior Center

Monday, Feb. 2: Free Hearing Screening by Ear Masters; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo, Free Mindful Meditation Program (Garden Room); 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting Class, Sewing Class; 10 a.m., Chair Exercise; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("You Can't Take It With You"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 5 to 7 p.m., Friends Spaghetti Dinner; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends Meeting (Dining Room); 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons Begin, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 6 p.m., Western Mass Genealogy Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Free Tax Prep (by appointment only); 8:30 a.m., Chair Exercise; 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30

p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.

Friday, Feb. 6: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

## Agawam Senior Center lunch menu

Monday, Feb. 2: Lasagna and meatballs, garden salad, apples.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: Roast chicken marsala, baby potatoes, peas and carrots, birthday cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Chicken tetrazzini over egg noodles, mixed vegetables, pudding.

Friday, Feb. 6: Potato crusted cod, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, mixed fruit.

## City Council meeting agenda

### Roberta G. Doering School

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Monday, Feb. 2  
7 p.m.

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular Council Meeting – Jan. 20, 2015
- E. Declaration from Council President
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
- 1. TR-2015-3- A Resolution confirming the appointment of Nicholas Pandolfi, 16 Wisteria Lane, Agawam, MA 01001 to the Planning Board to a term expiring Jan. 1, 2018 (Mayor)
- 2. TR-2015-4- A Resolution approving the revised job description for the council appointed auditor position (Council) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- 3. TR-2015-6- A Resolution confirming the reappointment of David Cecchi, 29 Albert St., Agawam, MA to the Historical Commission to a term expiring Jan. 1, 2018 (Mayor)

4. TR-2015-7- A Resolution authorizing the Town of Agawam to expend funds in excess of available appropriation for snow and ice removal (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

G. Report of council committees

H. Elections

I. Public Hearings

1. PH-2015-1 (TOR-2015-1)- Public Hearing set for March 2, 2015 - An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam to add section 180-95A to assist the Council in Zone Change requests involving the Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District (Councilors Rossi, Letellier and Perry) (Referred to Legislative Committee)

J. Old Business

1. TO-2015-5- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's LICENSE to Richard Conlon Jr. d/b/a Motor City Car Co., 91 Ramah Circle, Agawam, MA 01001 (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

K. New business: Unavailable at press time.

L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.

Adjournment

## Are You Old News?

Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to [mballway@turley.com](mailto:mballway@turley.com). Please include your first and last name.



Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Barbara Skolnick were Alan Edwards, Ann Marie Perry, Paula Racine, Pat Borgatti, Caroline Scherpa, Renee Jury and Larry Scherpa.

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# Mayor wants 'best person,' not a hurry, for planner job

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

Finding a replacement for a 33-year employee is difficult, but Mayor Richard Cohen is committed to making sure the second town planner in Agawam history will be highly qualified.

Cohen was saddened when he learned current Planning and Community Development Director Deborah Dachos was retiring on Feb. 13.

"Debbie's experience is something we just cannot replace," said Cohen. "But just like other department heads, we will find the best person we can and we will move forward."

The job is currently in the external posting period. Cohen says the normal procedure for a replacing a department head is to post the job internally for 20 days. After that, an external posting is made for at least two or three weeks through various forms of media and municipal job posting websites.

"The 20 days internally will allow any candidates that want to apply within to get their resume and other materials together," said Cohen.

When the posting period is complete, Cohen says a small subcommittee will screen the initial candidates.

"They will go through the applications that come in and then conduct the first round of interviews," said Cohen, who did not name the members of the subcommittee. "Once they have filtered through the applications, they will do the first round of interviews."

Cohen says the subcommittee will recommend finalists to him. Cohen himself then completes the final interviews and eventually makes an appointment. Department heads are a mayoral appointment and do not require City Council confirmation or approval.

## Tax bills due Feb. 2

The third quarter real estate and personal property tax bills for fiscal year 2015 are due in the collector's office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2. Bills may also be paid online at [www.agawam.ma.us](http://www.agawam.ma.us).

Third quarter payment notices were

"The change of having a council appointment happened when the town decided to go to a mayor form of government in 1989," said Cohen. "The town decided not to have a town manager anymore."

Cohen says he has made two department head appointments in the past few years. He has named new heads of the inspection services and assessor departments.

"These are difficult appointments to make," said Cohen. "And the planner job is one that is very important to the town."

Cohen says the job requires a lot of collaboration with other departments.

"I am looking for someone who is going to be to work with all the other departments in town hall," said Cohen. "They will have to work with engineering, inspection services, the assessor, as well as the mayor's office and the City Council. The person who takes this position will have to be a collaborator."

Cohen says the new planner will likely not be named before Dachos' retirement date of Feb. 13. He is not "hurrying" the appointment.

"I want to make sure I get the right individual to take the job," said Cohen.

Cohen says he's looking for someone who is "not a naysayer." He wants someone who will pursue the town's planning goals and move the town forward. Among the many tasks the new planner will take on will be the completion of the Walnut Street Extension revitalization.

"Walnut Street is a huge ongoing project," said Cohen. "There is also the Games and Lanes property and other aspects of economic development."

Cohen says even though Dachos will retire, the office runs very efficiently and he believes it will endure during the interim. He also said Dachos is willing to help during the interim if there are questions or issues that come up.

# Gold St. fiber optic wiring approved

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Administrative Subcommittee of the Agawam City Council is paving the way for more fiber optic Internet service on Gold Street.

The subcommittee approved an application from Verizon Communications to do the second phase of a fiber optic conduit installation on the newer development, which features several businesses.

Paul Davis, who was representing Verizon, said the company was not looking to do anything different from the first phase of conduit installation, and it is simply being extended to the cul-de-sac on the road. Councilor Robert Rossi, the chair of the Administrative Subcommittee, said he received some feedback from the town's Engineering Department regarding the potential installation of more conduit.

"The Engineering Department has put in a request asking that you stay at least three feet away from any water or sewer lines," said Rossi.

Davis expressed concerns about Verizon's ability to cross the street safely with the conduits. Rossi advised Davis to make contact with the engineering department. Rossi also said he'd write a note asking the Engineering Department to make the blueprints for the water and sewer lines to be made available to the applicants.

Councilor Anthony Suffriti asked

what Davis would do if the conduits intersect with water or sewer lines. Davis responded, saying he could make adjustments in this situations to make sure the fiber optics do not interfere with any of the water or sewer lines.

Davis says the second phase became necessary because of a request for service from one business at the end of the street in the cul-de-sac. Fiber optic service for businesses is installed on request of businesses.

"Verizon has the Fios service and we install that in a lot of places," said Davis. "But the business service is installed only where it is needed. It is known as Micro Optic service."

Rossi says it is the City Council's responsibility to approve any permits that involve contractors wanting to dig under town ways to install utilities. He did not have any issues with the application by Verizon.

"Gold Street is still a fairly new development," said Rossi. "They are still developing there."

Even though it was a subcommittee meeting, it was an open public hearing for any member of the public to give input. No one from the public appeared. The Administrative Subcommittee unanimously approved the application.

Microtest Laboratories will be the primary recipient of the new service, but Rossi said Daggett Gymnastics, which is located across from Microtest, has also expressed interest in getting the service.

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Melinda Thomas, an ACS Relay specialist working with the Relay in Agawam, called, the event "inspiring" and "energetic."



Cancer survivor Patti Phillips shared her vision of hope as the kickoff's survivor speaker. She recalled her battle with Hodgkin's disease more than 40 years ago.



Luminaria bags — lit with glow sticks — remembered those who have battled cancer. They served as reminder at kickoff about the reason for the Relay for Life of Agawam.



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served as emcee. She introduced members of event leadership team who made brief presentations about some of the activities occurring before and during the overnight Relay. According to Iacolo, the kickoff is a "celebration of what we've done and what we're going to do."

It also was an opportunity to recognize individuals, especially cancer survivors and caregivers, who contributed to the success of the 2014 Relay, which raised nearly \$100,000. Top fundraising individuals and teams were honored with certificates.

A new incentive to help the Relay reach its 2015 goal of \$85,000 was also announced at the kickoff. Called "Relay Bucks," the incentive provides rewards for such things as meeting fund-raising goals or reaching a certain level for members on a team.

"It's a fun way to help challenge teams and motivate people," said Iacolo. "The Relay has a serious cause — fighting cancer — but it's also about celebrating life and inspiring people to help us continue our fight."

Another change for this year's Relay, the theme of which is "Building Hope," is a change of venue. The Relay moves to Agawam's School Street Park for the May 15 and 16 event. In addition, it's expanding from a 16-hour Relay to an 18-hour Relay, a "Heritage" Relay.

"Many Relays run for 24 hours," said Ia-

colo. "Our Relay is not at that point yet, but a Heritage designation by ACS puts us much closer."

One of the most emotional parts of the event was a speech given by cancer survivor Patti Phillips. She shared her vision of hope as she recalled her battle with Hodgkin's disease more than 40 years ago.

"A cancer diagnosis is a scary, life-changing experience," said Phillips — just 25 when she was diagnosed. "Going through the radiation treatments was an ordeal." Looking back, she said it would have been reassuring if there had been a cancer support group. "I Relay to raise funds for research and to help rally support for those with cancer."

Phillips' talk touched a chord with Wildman, who was a few years older than Phillips when she was diagnosed: "It struck me that her message was one of hope — that younger people who get cancer can go on to survive."

Melinda Thomas, who recently was hired as an ACS Relay specialist to work with the Relay in Agawam, called the event "inspiring" and "energetic." She added that participants "left with a renewed sense of purpose and lots of enthusiasm" for this year's Relay.

The event leadership team meets with team captains on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in Agawam Senior Center. The next meeting is Feb. 12.



Feeding Hills resident Alexis Simmons (right) talks with Jocelyn Wildman of Chicopee during the kickoff event for the 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam. Both will be first-time participants at the Relay.

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Janine Iacolo shows off one of the shirts available for participants in the 2015 Relay.



Nellie Stark accepts a certificate from Janine Iacolo recognizing Stark as one of the top fundraisers for the 2014. Stark was one of several individuals recognized at the kickoff for the 2015 Relay.



Participants line up to fill out information at the registration desk before attending the kickoff of the 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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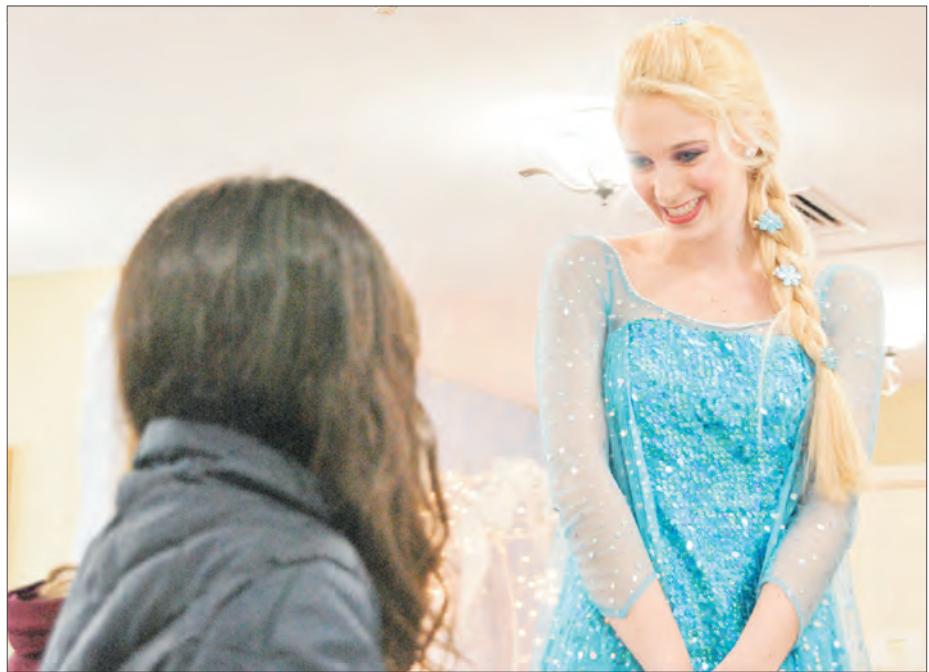
# Frozen comes to life

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Children had the opportunity to meet with Disney's "Frozen" characters, Elsa and Anna, during a snowy Saturday morning at Heritage Woods Senior Living in Agawam. During the public event, children took photos, danced and sang along with Elsa and Anna. It wasn't only the children and parents who enjoyed the experience — the senior residents of Heritage Woods were glad to see all the young happy faces, too.



Five-year-old Kayleigh Hinton of Agawam is taken back by the moment.



Elsa's smile sparkles nearly as brightly as her dress.



The Taylor family from left, Nicole, three year old Raelyn, Sean and six month old Willow are overjoyed as Elsa and Anna enter the room.



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Broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week, WLCQ operates with a contemporary Christian music format that delivers a "message of hope and encouragement," said Nate Thomas, station manager.

The station was founded by and is owned by the Light-house Christian Center (LCC), which runs the church where the station's studio, transmitter, and antenna are located. WLCQ has the potential to reach 400,000 listeners, but, according to Thomas and the Nielsen ratings, which measure audience size, it actually has between 25,000 and 30,000 listeners weekly.

Thomas said listenership and support has grown since the station first went on the air. He attributes that growth to station personnel interacting with the community.

"Our heart is really to serve the community where we live," said Thomas. "We're constantly involved in the community covering various events and we serve as a resource for our community."

Listeners often will reach out and contact the station about an event, which also may be posted on the station's website, theQ997.com. During the spring and summer, the station is on location throughout the area, including visits to various churches that offer summer vacation bible schools.

### Local content

The station plays music from artists such as Jeremy Camp, Casting Crowns, Third Day, Toby Mac and Chris Tomlin. However, almost everything that's broadcast "is locally-generated content," said Thomas, who also co-hosts one of the station's morning shows. "We air a weekend show that is a national countdown of the top songs in contemporary Christian music, but other than that, it's all local."

Thomas has worked in radio broadcasting since he was in college. He's been with WLCQ for nearly seven years. Previously he worked at WHYN-AM and -FM in Springfield and WKSS-FM ("Kiss 95.7") in Hartford, as well as radio stations in California and Tennessee.

"Many stations today are owned by big media companies and that local feel is lost. They can't serve their communities as well as our station can," said Thomas, who has called Agawam home since he was 10.

He added that satellite radio, Pandora Internet Radio, and iTunes Radio give listeners many more choices, but don't offer "real personalities that listeners can relate to."

Thomas said he and the station's several other on-air personalities talk about local happenings — something satellite radio and the others can't. "There's a connection between us and our listeners," added Leslie Prieto, Thomas's morning co-host.

One of the station's regular features, "The Drive Thru Difference," encourages listeners to give back to their community by paying for the order of the person behind them in a drive-through fast food lane. The station's website has a form for listeners to print and give to the cashier.

"It's just a small way to share God's love with a complete stranger," said Thomas. "We've had many stories of people's lives being impacted just through this simple act of kindness."

### Donors sustain station

The station relies primarily on donations from listeners. They help sustain the cost of running the station by making monthly donations, gifts of support, or by contributing during pledge drives.

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He is going for a secure and efficient process the second time around.

"I think it is important when you are being funded by someone else," said Del Negro. "There's too much 'other people's money' involved in this project for it to have distractions and we need to be professional."

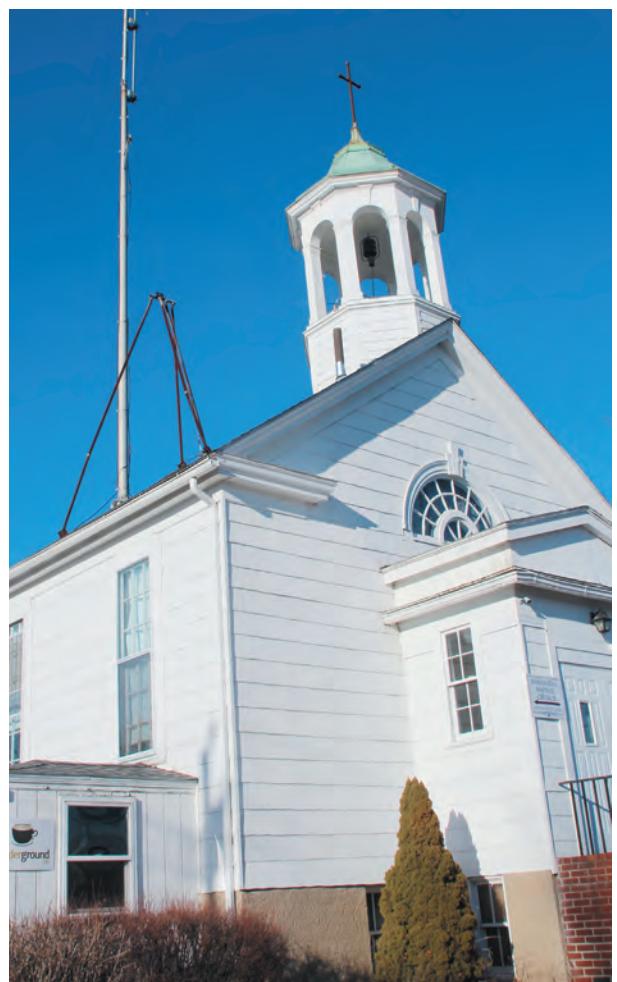
Del Negro said during the filming of "Blood Reservoir," people would just show up on set.

"They would be a fan of one of the actors on Facebook," said Del Negro. "They would see the actor tag themselves in a particular location where we are filming. Then they would show up on set." Del Negro told a story of one individual who came to his home while he was working with the actors, having dinner and planning the following day's filming.

"This time around, no one is allowed to text or update their status of our locations," said Del Negro.

Further, Del Negro would then get messages from people asking to be involved with the movie or seeking other types of jobs as a part of the crew. The ban, Del Negro hopes, will eliminate these types of distractions during the next three weeks. The ban applies to all working on the next production. Del Negro said the paranormal movie will be filmed at a private

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WLCQ's transmitter is atop a church roof on Springfield Street. TURLEY PUBLICATION PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

"We have always been run as a community radio station that is listener-supported," said Thomas. "Some support us through their business — and the FCC allows us to recognize those local businesses on the air as supporting the station."

The 99.7 frequency was the only signal available from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a nonprofit organization in the Feeding Hills-Agawam area when the station applied for its operating license. No other station had previously broadcast on that frequency, but it took several years to get FCC approval.

The station's studio and transmitter are currently located in the basement of what was originally St. David's Episcopal Church at the intersection of Cleveland and Springfield streets. When it went on the air, the station shared offices with the LCC, which holds its church services upstairs.

Two years ago, the station's offices — where its five full-time employees and some volunteers work — moved from sharing offices with the church to the second floor of a professional building in a Walnut Street shopping plaza.

The studio may soon move to Walnut Street as well. The transmitter and antenna, on the church roof, will still be in Feeding Hills. Moving the antenna would affect the station's signal and could interfere with another station's broadcasts.

The station is also in the process of transferring ownership from LCC and creating its own nonprofit organization with a board of community leaders. Thomas said the change will give listeners a chance to take real ownership of the station: "This will ensure that the station continues to be about our community."

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home in Western Massachusetts. The home is a closed location.

Del Negro is hoping to keep his momentum going. "Blood Reservoir" did well with a limited release in movie theaters on Halloween. He has one more project planned in 2015, and a project scheduled for 2016. The 2016 movie will be filmed in Florida. All three projects have funding, and Del Negro is working on more scripts.

Del Negro also said he could do a second release of "Blood Reservoir" by adding some new scenes to the movie. Blood Reservoir will be on Amazon Instant Video soon.

"As long as you own the rights and have a distribution contract, you can add more scenes to a movie and release it again," said Del Negro. "'Star Wars' has been re-released many times."

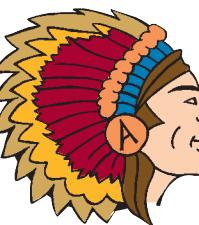
Del Negro says he will work on horror-type movies for his next three projects, but hopes to branch off into comedy and dramas in the future.

"Once you do one horror movie," said Del Negro, "the powers that be want more. I want to break into comedy and dramas, but for now I need to focus on what is already paid for."

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# SPORTS


**WRESTLING**

David Rodriguez tries to wrestle Ludlow's Timothy Salio to the mat. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

## Resurgent Agawam team knocks off pesky Ludlow

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Brownies are showing off how healthy they are as they move toward the Western Massachusetts Division I Championship meet in February.

Last Wednesday night, the Brownies picked up another victory as they defeated Ludlow 39-22 on the road.

The Brownies trailed early in the meet as Ludlow picked up a forfeit and an impressive victory at 120 pounds for Dominic Coelho.

Cohelo defeated Jimmy Adams with a first period pinfall. Cohelo was aggressive in the match, going for a lift and tackle takedown that gave him control. He then utilized a leg hook-headlock combination to pick up the pinfall in just 1:24.

The Brownies finally got on the

scoreboard when Daigon Bishop picked up a victory at 126 pounds. He scored the early takedown, but did not have full control early. He dove again for a tackle and went right in for the pin, scoring the victory in 1:21.

The Lions took back the momentum briefly, though Agawam's Joseph Joyal did a great job limit-

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**HOCKEY**

## Agawam shuts down Pacers

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam hockey team got back on the winning track when they picked up an independent win against Chicopee last Thursday night at Olympia Ice Center.

Agawam's winning momentum had been stalled thanks to some tough losses against Algonquin and Marblehead, both teams from outside the region.

The Brownies decided to take out their frustrations on the Pacers during the opening faceoff. It was started with a monster first period in which the Brownies built a 7-0 lead.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

## Brownies offense topples Minnechaug

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys basketball team has a lot more work to do if they want to contend for a spot in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament.

The Brownies have gotten a few wins of late, including an offensive explosion last Tuesday night when they faced Minnechaug.

Joe Moccio had a breakout performance as he scored an amazing 41 points, a total only reminiscent of former leading scorer Tyler Desrosiers from last season.

The junior was all over the court and had an amazing performance to help keep Agawam with the lead for the majority of the game. There was no shortage of scoring from either side of the court as Minnechaug was in the game throughout the night. Min-

nechaug even held a one-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, but Moccio returned with a pair of treys to open the fourth quarter.

Agawam built a bigger lead, but Minnechaug kept it close, coming within three points. They tried to send Agawam back to the free throw line in the waning minutes, but Agawam shooters made the free throws they needed to make to keep the game in line for the win.

Moccio was start with seven treys. He had three more two-point field goals and made an astounding 14 free throws. Meesha Ohradka had 15 points, including one trey. Myles Scott was great off the bench, scoring 10 points. John Wright contributed nine.

Minnechaug also had some strong performances, including from Shaun Crowe, who led the Falcons with 26 points. He had 11

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**SKIING**

## Scherpa charging down hill for Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It is senior year for Jillian Scherpa, and she is making sure everyone knows that on the slopes.

Scherpa has been a huge presence for the Agawam girls skiing team. She has captured victories in three of the first four runs at Berkshire East Mountain Resort.

She won her third race of the season on Tuesday, Jan. 20 in the third race of the season for the

Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

She finished the race with a time of 33.87 seconds. The finish was one second faster than the rest of the racers in the slalom race. While it was a great race for Scherpa for the third straight time, it did not end as well for the Brownies, who did not place another skier in the top 10.

Agawam would finish the third race in fourth place with a score of 191.69. Minnechaug girls

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Agawam's Christie Mirski (21) puts up a shot between two defenders. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

## Valiant effort falls short against Lady Lions

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls basketball team is continuing to struggle through their season, with offense being the most prominent issue.

Agawam has played some excellent defense at times, though, and that was the case in last Monday night's loss against Ludlow.

Ludlow was able to come out on top 46-35, but Agawam was in the game right through till the fourth quarter.

Agawam was best on defense early in the game when they limited Ludlow to just eight points. Unfortunately, the Brownies could not take advantage of the numerous opportunities they had early on.

Agawam trailed just 8-7 after one quarter. They had the chance to take the lead, but missed some early shots in the second quarter while Alyssa Guyon heated up for the Lions.

She would finish with 29 total points, playing well in a game

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# Sports

## Brownies split at Pacer Duals

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Fred Karl-Morin highlighted a very solid day for the Agawam wrestlers at the Chicopee Pacer Duals last week. Karl-Morin, 195 won his first bout against Minnechaug to reach the century mark in career victories. That was part of the Brownies 45-20 win over the Falcons. They would also win their next against Chicopee Comp, 54-25, before dropping a pair of close ones to Winchester, 42-36 and to Putnam, 42-39.

The Brownies took charge of the Minnechaug match a bout midway through. The teams went back and forth over the first seven weight classes. Anthony Basile, 145, put Agawam in front for good with an 8-3 decision and the rest followed. Following Karl-Morin's quick pin, his brother Jim followed with one that took just 4 seconds longer. The Brownies also got a pin from

David Rodriguez, 160. His came in 15 seconds. Paul Taft, 170 was a winner by decision, while Kyle Ma, 106 and Hayden Mendrala, 126 won by forfeit.

In their 54-24 win over Comp, the Brownies got eight pins, one each by Jimmy Adams, 120, at 5:42; Mendrala, 132, at 43 seconds; Troy Carroll, 138, at 5:51; Basile, 145, at 5:42; Nick Blais, 170, at 41 seconds; Giovanni Lazio, 182, at 1:01; Fred Karl-Morin, 195, at 3:10; Jim Karl-Morin, 220, at :51; Nick Hope, 285 at 1:08. Ma had a forfeit win in the 106 class. The Brownies dominated throughout.

The Winchester match was a gem that came down to the last weight class for a Winchester, 42-36 win. Agawam spotted Winchester, 24 points in the first four bouts. Basile, with a pin at 1:50 got the Brownies on the board at 24-6. He lost the next two and trailed 36-6. Then came the comeback. First it was Blais with a pin at 5:25. Lazio followed with a pin at 2:56. The Karl-Mo-

rin boys each took until the last minute, but both got pins at 5:08 by Fred and 5:20 by Jim. Hope tied up the match with his heavyweight win at 2:21. But the Brownies could not get the last one, the 106 weight group and Winchester emerged victorious.

Last up was local power, Putnam. They lost 42-39. Ma got the team off to a 6-0 start, but they would not win again until the 145 class with Basile. His win made it 18-9. Once again the strong middle and heavy weights would put them in a strong position. They went from being down, 36-9 to a 39-36 lead on wins by Blais, Lazio, the Karl-Morins and Hope. But as happened in the previous match against Winchester, a loss in the final bout gave the match to Putnam.

*Nate Rosenthal is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at dforbes@turley.com.*

## Fishing swap meet set for March 8

AGAWAM - A fishing swap meet will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 8.

Buy, sell, trade new and used fishing and hunting gear, but no guns allowed.

The event is open to the public.

Polish Club concessions will be open with breakfast/lunch food and drink.

Free parking. There will be a \$2 donation accepted at the door. Children 12 and under free.

Raffle prizes to be awarded.

Table space and both space available.

Don't miss your opportunity to make some money selling your used fishing gear!

If you would like to sell your items or boat please contact Dave Dussault at 413-427-0846.

## The Week Ahead

### Friday, Jan. 30

#### Boys Basketball

Chicopee Comp at Agawam	7 p.m.
Hockey	
Agawam at Westfield (at Amelia)	6 p.m.
Indoor Track (at Smith College in Northampton)	
Agawam vs. Westfield	6:45 p.m.

### Saturday, Jan. 31

#### Hockey

Agawam at South Hadley (at Fitzpatrick)	3:30 p.m.
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### Sunday, Feb. 1

#### No games scheduled.

### Monday, Feb. 2

#### Girls Basketball

East Longmeadow at Agawam	7 p.m.
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### Tuesday, Feb. 3

#### Boys Basketball

Agawam at South Hadley	7 p.m.
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### Wednesday, Feb. 4

#### Girls Basketball

Palmer at Agawam	7 p.m.
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#### Wrestling

Agawam at Chicopee	7 p.m.
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### Thursday, Feb. 5

#### Girls Basketball

Ludlow at Agawam	7 p.m.
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#### Hockey

West Springfield at Agawam	8:30 p.m.
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## Bruins edge Springfield Falcons

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Falcons were edged by the Providence Bruins, 2-1, Saturday in front of a sold out crowd at the MassMutual Center.

The Falcons have fallen in the last four games, taking them to 26-13-4-0 on the season and 4-2-0-0 in the 10-game season series with the Bruins. Springfield will enter the All-Star break second in the Northeast Division with 56 points.

Bruins goaltender Anton Forsberg stopped 29 of 31 shots on net. His Bruins counterpart Malcolm Subban saved 30 of

31. Springfield was able to capitalize on one of five power play opportunities, while stopping three of four Providence man-advantages.

Providence kicked off scoring 6:00 into the first period. While on the man advantage, Ryan Spooner carried a puck into the Falcons' zone. He threw it into the slot and set up Seth Griffith for a one-timer. Zach Trotman earned credit for the secondary assist.

The Falcons tied it up halfway through the middle frame with a power play tally of

their own. After a series of shots on net, Michael Chaput got his stick on the puck and chipped it in for his second goal in as many games. T.J. Tynan and Ryan Craig each picked up a point on the play.

Colin Stuart took back the lead for the Bruins early in the final period with the help of Griffith and Alexander Khokhlachev. The team was able to hang on and top the Falcons, 3-2.

The Falcons are back in action when they host the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

## Wine, beer tasting to benefit hockey teams

AGAWAM - The Agawam Hockey Booster Club will hold a beer and wine tasting fundraiser Friday, Feb. 13, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and include a buffet dinner, additional cash bar and a raffle. All proceeds will benefit the Agawam hockey teams.

The event is sponsored by Frigo's and Towne Liquors. For tickets, call Lea-Ann Rivest at 413-789-1710.

## Ritter helps out Wentworth

BOSTON - Wentworth men's volleyball sophomore and Feeding Hills resident Collin Ritter had a busy week in three wins for his team.

Ritter had 32 assists in a 3-0 win over Endicott, 33 assists in 3-0 wins over Bard and SUNY-IT, 21 assists in a 3-0 loss to Nazareth and 30 assists in a 3-0 win over Vassar.

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were the top team, finishing with a score of 152.07.

In the fourth race of the season, held last Thursday night at Berkshire East, the Brownies came in sixth place with 119.83 points.

Scherpa had her first non first place finish of the season, scoring a third place finish with a time of 25.14 seconds in the giant slalom.

Agawam has not had a lot of luck as a team on the slopes, but Scherpa has the opportunity to pick up an individual title later this season if she can keep up her great momentum.

Her first race of the season took place on Jan. 13. She finished first overall with a time of 25.03 in the giant slalom. The following race, the regular slalom, took place on Jan. 15. Scherpa won with a time of 34.50 seconds in the regular slalom.

There are four more runs scheduled at Berkshire East. A nor'easter may have cancelled the next scheduled race for the North Division teams. A giant slalom run is scheduled for today at 5 p.m. Teams are also scheduled to compete on Feb. 5. The girls individual race for Western Mass. will take place on Feb. 10.

The Agawam boys have struggled as a team throughout the season, coming in lower in the pack in the North Division.

In their third race of the season, Christian Gonet placed in the top 10 in the giant slalom with a time of 24.07 seconds. He is the only male racer to score a top 10 finish this season.

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field goals. Kaleb Smith also was excellent. He had 18 points, including five made free throws. Corey Page had 17 points.

The Falcons had some luck from the free throw line, with a widespread amount of points made throughout the lineup.

The two teams were at each other's throats for the first half, with Falcons and Brownies deadlocked at 16-16 after one quarter. The Falcons were able to get a slight lead heading into halftime leading 37-34. Agawam nipped away at the deficit in the third quarter before finally taking the lead for keeps during the fourth quarter.

After a struggling schedule where Agawam had lost five in a row, the Brownies won three straight, raising their record to 4-8 for the regular season.

Agawam is next scheduled to face Chicopee Comprehensive at home tonight at 7 p.m. It will be the second matchup of the season between the Brownies and Comp. Agawam suffered a narrow defeat during the Connecticut River Classic in late December.

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ing the damage. Tristan Liebenow scored a 14-0 major decision, but Joyal worked hard in the final minute of the match to keep from being pinned or another nearfall to give Liebenow only four points on a major decision.

Troy Carroll got Agawam back on track with a first period pin over Omar Espino, followed by a forfeit victory for Anthony Basile to give Agawam an 18-16 lead. Agawam would not trail again in the meet.

David Rodriguez would score a takedown in the first 10 seconds of the 152-pound match, but Timothy Saloio did a good job not allowing him to do much in the first period, but Rodriguez got the leverage he needed in the second period, scoring a firemen's carry takedown right into a pin.

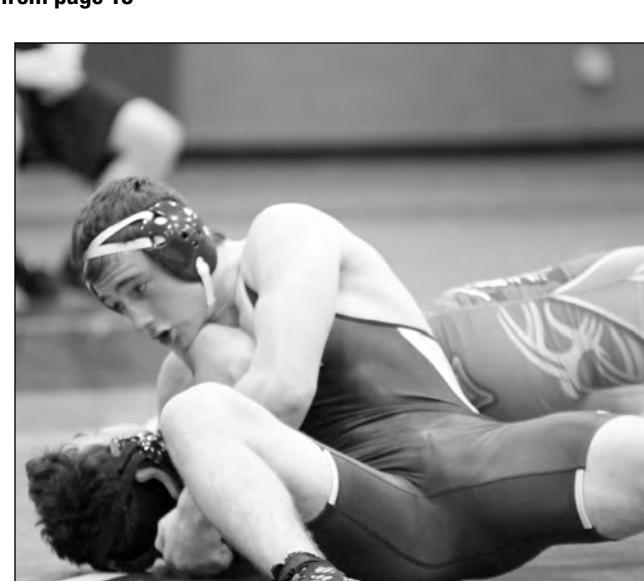
The most exciting match of the

net came at 170 pounds when Agawam's Nick Blais battled it out with Ludlow's Brandon Macznik.

Blais scored an escape in the fourth overtime to give the decision win to the Brownies. Blais had an early takedown to take a 2-0 lead. During the next two periods, Macznik would score two escapes to tie the score 2-2 after three periods.

The two went at it in a one-minute overtime, where neither grappler scored. During the third overtime, which was just 30 seconds, Macznik scored a point for an escape, but lost the point when he was charged with stalling. Tied 3-3, Blais was in the down position to start and scored the escape to win.

Fred Karl-Morin continued his hot streak since getting back from injury with a first-period, 43 second pinfall win over Justin Domingos.



Ludlow's Nick Godbout goes for the pin over Agawam's Paul Taft at 160 pounds. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

# Obituaries & Church News

## Church Directory

### AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

745 Main St., Agawam  
786-7111  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Tom Howells  
Agawam1@verizon.net  
[www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com)

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.  
Communion on the first Sunday of the month  
Church school is in session and fellowship coffee hour follows the service.  
"A place to call home ~ A people to call family"

### AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill St., Feeding Hills  
413-786-4174  
Pastor: Ken Blanchard  
[email agawamumc@gmail.com](mailto:agawamumc@gmail.com)  
[www.agawamworship.org](http://www.agawamworship.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship.  
Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.  
Offsite Worship:  
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
580 Main St., Agawam  
(413) 789-2930  
[www.bethany-ag.org](http://www.bethany-ag.org)  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 9am & 10:45am  
Christian Education offered during both services.  
Nightlife Contemporary Service:  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION  
50 Maple St., Agawam  
(413) 304-2313  
[churchofredectionministries.org](http://churchofredectionministries.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Summer Schedule  
Sunday Service at 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH  
370 Shoemaker Lane  
Agawam  
(413) 786-1681  
[www.jesussaves.7@comcast.com](http://www.jesussaves.7@comcast.com)  
Church Website: [www.faithbible-church.org](http://www.faithbible-church.org)  
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES  
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer  
Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC  
"An Open and Affirming Congregation."  
21 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills  
P.O. Box 264  
(413) 786-5061  
[fhcucc@comcast.net](mailto:fhcucc@comcast.net)  
Pastor: The Rev. Robert C. Donaldson

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Church School 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Infant and child care provided.  
Handicap accessible.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
760 Main St., Agawam  
[Agawambc@localnet.com](mailto:Agawambc@localnet.com)  
[www.firstbaptistagawam.org](http://www.firstbaptistagawam.org)

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School (grades K - 5)  
following Children's Message until 10:45  
Youth Study time (grades 6+)  
following sermon until 10:45  
Coffee & Conversation following worship every Sunday

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
152 South Westfield St.  
Feeding Hills  
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and Children's Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH  
522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
Feeding Hills, MA  
478-9484  
David L. Short, Pastor  
  
Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH  
1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
(413) 786-8200  
[www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org](http://www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org)  
Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES  
Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.;  
Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.  
Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.  
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.  
Special Devotions: Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart following the Friday 9 a.m. Mass

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
786-6133  
[saintdavids@comcast.net](mailto:saintdavids@comcast.net)  
[www.stdavidsagawam.org](http://www.stdavidsagawam.org)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
823 Main St., Agawam  
786-8105  
[info@stjohnrevangelistchurch.org](mailto:info@stjohnrevangelistchurch.org)  
[www.stjohnagawam.org](http://www.stjohnagawam.org)

SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
Saturdays: 5 p.m. (Memorial Day to Labor Day)  
Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Latin Mass 12:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation: Fridays, 7:15 to 8 a.m., Saturdays, 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.  
Thursday: Communion Service

## Death Notices

### Dulude, Wilfrid L.

Died Jan. 20, 2015  
Funeral Jan. 24, 2015  
Colonial Forastiere Family Funeral Home  
Agawam

### James, Elizabeth L.

Died Jan. 24, 2015  
Private Funeral  
Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

### Melanson, Leslie H.

Died Jan. 16, 2015  
Burial in the spring  
Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

## Leslie H. Melanson

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AGAWAM — Leslie H. "Les" "Ace" Melanson, 73, was called home on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at Baystate Medical Center with his family by his side. Born in Springfield, son of the late Raymond and Doris (Morrison) Melanson, he was a lifelong resident and a 1959 graduate of Agawam High School, the first four-year class at the school. Les, together with his wife Dale, are the owners of A-C-E Auto Body in Agawam, and towed for the town of Agawam for the last 50 years. He loved helping people and there wasn't anything that was ever brought to the shop that he couldn't fix. Les was a master craftsman in both metal and wood and restored many cars, planes, boats, homes and buildings over his lifetime. He got his seaplane license on the Connecticut River and attained his commercial instrument ratings. He loved flying his family to the Vineyard. A very active member of the Agawam Congregational Church, he held positions of deacon, trustee, and was one of the major restorers of the church's 1905 Emmons Howard pipe organ, which he loved to play. As property chairman, he was the number one go-to guy to solve any church property problems. Les was a member of Westfield Aviation Museum, QB's, Elm-Belcher Lodge of Masons, the NRA and past president and member of Western Mass. Aviation Association. He was also an Agawam Little League coach and umpire. He loved antique cars, especially his 1955 Ford Crown Victorias. He leaves his wife and best friend of 53 years, Dale (Peckham) Melanson; a son and his wife, Steven and Lisa Melanson of Agawam; three daughters and their husbands, Shelly and Amaro Gonçalves of East Longmeadow, Diane and Jon Gendron, Jody and Rick Seldomridge all of Agawam; four sisters; 12 grandchildren, Jonathan, Dirk and wife Amanda, Dan, Laken and husband Ron, Krysten, Brianna, Tory, Andrew, Ashley, Gavin, Payten, Kyley; three great-grandchildren, Emma, Riley, Will; and several nephews and nieces. The funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. The burial will be in the spring. Arrangements were by Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper St. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

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Agawam would follow up with three more goals in the second before Chicopee finally broke through in the third period when Agawam started playing back.

Nick Askins had an excellent game for Agawam as he made 13 saves on 14 shots. Chicopee got a combined 29 saves from Tim Miner and Jonathan Santos.

Agawam's depth was again showed off with goals coming from 10 different players.

Kyle Toti had two goals off the bench for the Brownies. He also had an assist.

Other goals came from Cam Rivest, Anthony Passerini, Don Ingham, Joe Mercadante, Zach Housman, Brett Fila, Seamus Curran, Zach Circosta, and Elijah Bard.

Rivest had a goal and an assist, picking up his 100th career point in the victory for the Brownies. Mercadante led the team in points with a goal and three assists.

Last Monday during the holiday weekend, Curran scored the lone goal as the Brownies fell 3-1 against host Marblehead High School. He took a pass from Mercadante and sent it home in the first period. But Marblehead doubled up on the Brownies to take a 2-1 lead. Marblehead shut out the Brownies the rest of the way to take the game.

Connor McAnanama had a great effort in net, making 31 saves in the game. On Jan. 17, the Brownies were defeated 4-2 by Algonquin in a home game at Olympia Ice Center.

In the loss, Askins had one of his best performances of the season with 27 saves. John Colwell scored both of Agawam's goals in the loss and Curran added two assists.

The Brownies now stand at 8-3-2 for the season. They were scheduled to face Berry Division rival East Longmeadow on Saturday, Jan. 24, but the game was postponed due to a snowstorm. No makeup date has been determined.

Agawam's next big matchup is coming up tomorrow night at 6 p.m. when the Brownies face Westfield at Amelia Park Arena. The Brownies tied Westfield in the teams' first meeting on Jan. 6. The game has league title implications for both teams. Westfield is 7-0-2 in the league while Agawam is 6-0-2.

## Catholic Women schedule potluck supper

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a potluck supper at the next meeting, Monday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. Members will be contacted by the phone committee for their choice of a favorite dish, meat, side or dessert. A brief meeting will take place, and a penny auction will round out the evening. Club members and their guests are welcome.



Agawam's Meghan D'Amours (22) tries to go up for a shot in the paint. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS

BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM



Agawam's Rebecca Uschmann (24) eyes the basket before she releases her shot.

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where overall offense was at a premium.

Guyon started hitting some more shots during the second quarter, and the Lions were able to increase their lead to five points, taking a 22-17 lead at halftime.

Agawam was able to narrow the gap early in the second quarter. They nabbed three points out of the gate in the third, trailing 22-20, but Guyon continued to score points when the Lions needed them.

Ludlow able to rebuild their lead to 32-24 at the end of the third quarter. Agawam tried to send Ludlow to the free throw line during the fourth quarter, but the Brownies could not utilize their extra opportunities to climb back into the game.

The Brownies did get contributions from six different players. Christie Mirski led the team with 10 points, including two treys. Jess Lingenberg scored eight points. Meghan D'Amours had seven points, hitting five free throws.

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# Business

## Get to know Shades On Wheels

**Location:** Agawam, MA  
**Phone Number:** 413-786-9411  
**Website:** shadesonwheels.com  
**Email address:** andyoshades@aol.com  
**Hours of Operation:** Customer's Convenience  
**Owners Name:** Andrew and Kevin Osgood  
**Title:** Partners

**What prompted you to start your business?**  
A family member in the paint and wallpaper business started selling window shades and then got into more custom window treatments. With a demand to expand to other areas, we were offered the first Shades on Wheels franchise.

**How long have you been in business?**  
Shades on Wheels in Western MA started 32 years ago, in 1983.

**What makes you stand out in the industry?**  
Our business stands out because we have over 30 years of experience specializing only in custom window treatments.

**What is the main goal of your staff?**  
The most important thing we want our staff to do is educate our customers. We like them



to know exactly what it is we are showing them and why, rather than just pushing sales.

**Describe your products and services?**  
Shades on Wheels offers a shop at home service bringing the showroom into the customer's home. We believe this helps the customer choose the best color and fabric options in the setting of their own home. We offer a full variety of all window treatments from custom blinds to draperies and top treatments.

**What do you enjoy most about the business?**  
The best part of this business is getting to meet new people and seeing how excited they get when they see their imagination come to life.

## Legals

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM** in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam City Council on a proposed zoning amendment to the Town's "Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District" by adding Section 180-95A. A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:

**Mark R. Paleologopoulos,**  
Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board  
1/22/1/29/15

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF AGAWAM CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR AGAWAM DOG PARK

The Town of Agawam seeks bids from qualified contractors for the construction of Agawam Dog Park in Agawam, Massachusetts as described in the Instructions

to Bidders.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up on or after January 28, 2015 at www.BidDocsOnline.com (may be viewed electronically or a hardcopy can be requested).

A copy of the Bid Form may be examined and/or obtained from www.BidDocsOnline.com (may be viewed electronically or a hardcopy can be requested) beginning Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

Completed proposals must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM on Thursday, February 19, 2015** to the Office of the Mayor, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

**Richard A. Cohen**, Mayor  
1/29/15

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD14C0191CA**

**In the matter of:  
Antonio Bruce Jordan  
Of: Feeding Hills, MA**

**NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Elaine Lathrop**

on behalf of **Antonio Bruce Jordan** requesting that: **Antonio Bruce Jordan** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: **Antonio Bruce Lathrop-Jordan**

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 02/18/2015

**WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 21, 2015  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
1/29/15

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NOTICE OF BALLOON  
FLIGHT BY  
BELL ATLANTIC  
MOBILE OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
CORPORATION, LTD.  
d/b/a  
VERIZON WIRELESS**

Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless has filed an application for a special permit with the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals to erect a Personal Wireless Service Facility consisting of a 100 ft. monopole tower and a 12 x 26 ft. equipment shelter on property located at 491 Mill Street in Agawam, Massachusetts shown on Assessor's Map H10, Block 02, Lot 0017.

Verizon Wireless will fly a balloon at the proposed site for public viewing on **Monday, February 2, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** In the event of inclement weather, the balloon flight will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at the same time. For any questions, contact Ellen W. Freyman, counsel to Verizon Wireless, at (413) 737-1131.

1/29/15

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### Local Business Profile

## Sound Seal makes key hires after recent acquisition

Sound Seal, an Agawam-based leading manufacturer of acoustical and noise control products serving the industrial, architectural, commercial and construction industries, announced last month that it has added three key team members to its product teams. Greg Szczesny has been named sales engineer for the Impacta acoustical floor underlays products; Jeffrey Schaaf joins as estimator for Sound Quality architectural acoustical products; and Mike Keeney has been appointed project manager for WoodTrends acoustical wall and ceiling panel products.

"Sound Seal is committed to building and enhancing our acoustical and noise control product offerings, and attracting superior industry talent is one of the key ways we accomplish this," said Joe Lupone, CEO of Sound Seal. "We are extremely excited to welcome Greg, Jeff and Mike to the Sound Seal team, who join us at a very exciting time following the recent acquisition of Industrial Noise Control."

The company, based on H.P. Almgren Drive, in November acquired Industrial Noise Control of North Aurora, Ill. The purchase enhances Sound Seal's existing noise control product line and expands its sales into new markets.

INC became a division of Sound Seal and continues to offer its noise control system products, including Panl-Wall, Panl-Sorb and Sorba-Glas. INC's manufacturing, sales and customer service teams remained in Illinois.

The new hires announced recently join the Sound Seal staff in Agawam.

Szczesny possesses over 20 years of experience in sales, project management and new business development. Previously, he was a program manager at Excel RP where he was responsible for developing and managing customer relationships, assessing new technologies and overseeing tooling programs. Szczesny also held positions as project manager and business development coordinator for The Prestressed Group before enjoying his experience as a technology education instructor. As a sales engineer for Sound Seal's Impacta acoustical floor underlays, Szczesny will identify and capitalize on market opportunities to maintain and build customer accounts in the U.S.

Schaaf has a proven record of managing estimating processes and ensuring customer satisfaction. He previously served as an estimator for companies such as Babcock Power Services, Nine Points Woodworking and Wright Architectural Millwork. As an estimator for Sound Seal's Sound Quality architectural acoustical products, Schaaf will play a pivotal role in the full proposal and bid process, from creating work scope through final preparation, always delivering the utmost in customer satisfaction.

Keeney brings over 15 years of experience working with architects, general contractors and customers. Prior to joining Sound Seal,

he was a project manager for R & R Window Contractors where he managed all aspects of project management, from shop drawings to close-out procedures. He has held similar positions at Schuco-USA and Permasteelisa North America. As a project manager for Sound Seal's WoodTrends products, Keeney will assist customers in the design, choice and installation of decorative real wood wall and ceiling panels.

Sound Seal is an independent company owned by members of its management team and its primary investor, Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners.

### Feeding Hills resident named director of marketing

Sound Seal recently hired Jennifer Chagnon, a Feeding Hills resident, to serve as director of marketing. In her new role at Sound Seal, Chagnon will



Jennifer Chagnon

drive the marketing communications and promotional activities for Sound Seal's acoustical and noise control product lines – Impacta acoustical floor underlays, Industrial Noise Control products, Sound Quality architectural acoustical products, and WoodTrends acoustical wall and ceiling panels.

Chagnon has over 15 years of experience in global product management, new product development and field sales and marketing at both the commercial and retail levels. Previously, Chagnon served as director of marketing at Coveris Advanced Coatings where she played a pivotal part in growing the company's various product lines. Chagnon led the company's rebranding efforts and acted as a key field sales contributor for new business, large volume and ongoing customer maintenance opportunities. Chagnon also held positions at Ominoglow Corp. and served as a frequent author and speaker at industry events.

"Jennifer's marketing expertise, combined with her track record for building brand presence, make her a great addition to the Sound Seal team during this exciting time in our company's history," said Joe Lupone, CEO of Sound Seal. "We are extremely pleased to welcome Jennifer and we are confident that her efforts will lead to the continued growth and enhancement of our acoustical and noise control product offerings."

## Chateauneuf named VP at bank

MONSON — Robert R. Chateauneuf, an Agawam resident, was one of three officers recently promoted at Monson Savings Bank. Chateauneuf was named vice president and commercial loan officer. He joined Monson Savings Bank in 2012 as assistant vice president and is a vital member of the bank's commercial lending team. Steve Lowell, president of Monson Savings Bank, credited Chateauneuf for his in-depth knowledge of the Western Massachusetts small business marketplace and being a trusted advisor to his business customers. Chateauneuf is a member of the 2014 class of Business West's



"40 Under Forty" and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. He resides in Agawam.

The bank also promoted Corinne Sawyer, of Wilbraham, to vice president and business development officer; and Dodie Carpenter, of Stafford Springs, Conn., to human resources officer.

"We are extremely pleased to announce these well-deserved promotions," said Lowell. "Rob, Corinne and Dodie are important contributors to our success."

Headquartered in Monson, the bank also has branches in Hampden, Ware and Wilbraham.



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## Turley Editorial Coverage Policies

### CALENDAR

This section is intended to promote "free" events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the entire community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. Deadlines vary with each individual newspaper, look inside for your deadline. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation, and contact info. The best thing to do is emulate a calendar listing you like that already appeared in the paper. Each editor directly manages and edits all of the calendar entries. Artwork or photos to compliment your calendar listings are always welcomed.

### EDUCATION

We try to be inside our public schools on a weekly basis, both in terms of sports coverage and classroom features. Our education and sports sections run 52 weeks per year. We feel school coverage is probably the single largest reflection of the communities we serve, so this paper is committed to having a strong presence there. We devote more staff and space to these sections than any other editorial realm. We do print free courtesy stories, briefs and photos submitted by teachers, sports teams and students, as we cannot possibly be at every event. If you have a photo you want to run, please include a photo caption identifying those in the image from left to right and a description of the event. Please call or e-mail the editor directly with your school event coverage requests at least three days in advance. If we can't attend, you are always encouraged to send in your own write-up and photos.

### NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

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We love letters to the editor and guest columns. It is what the soul of this newspaper is all about. However, we don't print what we can't prove. All letters and columns must be signed and confirmed by us prior to publication. If you are alleging things that we cannot prove, we will consider that a news tip and look into it. We always encourage readers to celebrate their communities versus just slamming them. We also pen a weekly "editorial." Some readers confuse editorials with being objective "news." Our unsigned editorials are opinions formed after doing the research, or com-

piled through our reporters' stories and other means. We then write opinions, which do take a definitive side on issues. Editorials are not meant to be balanced to both sides like our news stories should. They are intended to opine around the facts and take a position. That's the whole point of the "opinion" page.

### PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a "people news" form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content.

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Our Sports Editor Dave Forbes and his reporters and photographers cover select varsity school games weekly as well as youth and adult sports leagues. Our team tries to be fair and spread the coverage around to all the teams, but as playoffs approach, teams making the playoffs take more precedence. We have tried hard this year to expand our coverage of youth sports, but we need coaches and players to send in their photos and write-ups. You can e-mail Dave Forbes at dforbes@turley.com.

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## Tuesday, Feb. 3

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Diane Lipari, soprano, Kimberly Figueroa on flute and Miguel Campinho on piano, at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

## Wednesday, Feb. 4

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least

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## Thursday, Feb. 5

THE FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. This meeting is open to the public. Election of officers will be held. Anyone interested in joining the organization may pay dues at the beginning of the meeting to become eligible to vote.

## Friday, Feb. 6

THE ACC APPLAUSE SERIES will focus on the fashions of the Regency Period, and Jane Austen's literature in particular at 7 p.m. when Haddam Stage Company Artistic Director Kandie Carle will present "Fashion in Fiction: Clothing Speaks Volumes in Jane Austen's Novels" at the Agawam Public Library.

## Wednesday, Feb. 11

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, will hold an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

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THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Agawam Senior Center conference room. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit [www.springfieldmed.com](http://www.springfieldmed.com), or email [survivorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:survivorshipprogram@gmail.com).

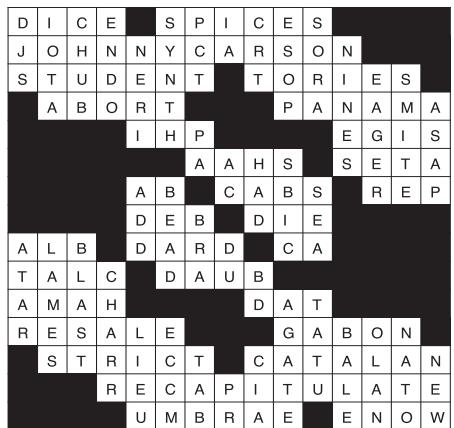
A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit [www.springfieldmed.com](http://www.springfieldmed.com), or email [survivorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:survivorshipprogram@gmail.com).

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